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SUBJECT: MBFR: INFORMAL SESSION WITH EASTERN

REPS JUNE 25, 1974

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: IN JUNE 25 INFORMAL SESSION OF VIENNA TALKS, THE ALLIES WERE REPRESENTED BY THE CANADIAN REP, FRG REP AND US REP, AND THE EAST BY SOVIET REPS KHLESTOV AND SMIRNOVSKY, CZECHOSLOVAK REP KLEIN AND POLISH REP STRULAK. ALLIED REPS REFERRED TO KHLESTOV'S PROPOSAL IN JUNE 18 SESSION THAT ALL DIRECT PARTICIPANTS SHOULD REDUCE IN A FIRST STEP BUT THAT BEGINNING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REDUCTIONS BY SOME OR ALL OF THE OTHER DIRECT PARTICIPANTS COULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER THE BEGINNING OF US AND SOVIET REDUCTIONS. ALLIED REPS SAID THIS SUGGESTION WAS MINOR CLARIFICATION OF STANDARD

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EASTERN POSITION THAT ALL PARTICIPANTS SHOULD REDUCE IN

A FIRST STEP OF REDUCTION. HOWEVER, SUGGESTION DID APPEAR TO RECOGNIZE ESSENTIAL QUALITATIVE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SITUATION OF THE US AND SOVIET UNION ON THE ONE HAND AND THAT OF THE REMAINING DIRECT PARTICIPANTS.

2. KHESTOV DID NOT ADD SIGNIFICANT NEW DETAILS TO SOVIET POSITION ADVANCED ON JUNE 18. HE REJECTED ALLIED ARGUMENT THAT EAST HAD ACKNOWLEDGED DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US AND USSR ON ONE HAND AND REMAINING DIRECT PARTICIPANTS. KHESTOV MADE DETERMINED EFFORT TO PUSH EASTERN FIRST STEP APPROACH. HE CLAIMED ALLIED REPS HAD TENTATIVELY AGREED TO SEEK SUCH A COMPROMISE FIRST STEP IN THE JUNE 18 SESSION AND WERE NOW RENEGING ON THIS AGREEMENT. HE SAID THE ANSWER TO THE AGREED QUESTION OF WHOSE FORCES WOULD BE REDUCED FROM THE OUTSET MIGHT DIFFER IF THAT QUESTION WERE DISCUSSED IN THE CONTEXT OF ALLIED AGREEMENT TO SEEK A FIRST STEP AGREEMENT OR IF IT WERE DISCUSSED IN THE GENERAL CONTEXT OF THE ORIGINAL OVERALL REDUCTION PROGRAMS OF BOTH SIDES. KHESTOV DID INDICATE IN REPLY TO ALLIED QUESTIONS THAT, IN THE CONTEXT OF A FIRST STEP AGREEMENT OF THE KIND EAST HAD IN MIND WHERE ALL REDUCTIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE COMPLETED BY 1975, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO CONSIDER A VARIANT WHEREBY US AND SOVIET REDUCTIONS WOULD BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF IMPLEMENTATION OF REDUCTIONS TAKEN BY OTHER DIRECT PARTICIPANTS. HE ALSO SAID THAT FOLLOW-ON NEGOTIATIONS WOULD CONTINUE WITHOUT DELAY AND MIGHT PROCEED WHILE A FIRST STEP AGREEMENT WAS BEING IMPLEMENTED. KHESTOV DECLINED TO ANSWER OTHER ALLIED QUESTIONS ON EASTERN PRESENTATION ON JUNE 18 ON THE GROUND THAT ALLIES HAD NOT YET AGREED TO SEEK A COMPROMISE FIRST STEP REDUCTION.

3. IT WAS AGREED TO HOLD NEXT INFORMAL SESSION ON JULY 2.
END SUMMARY.

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